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Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton:
Competing Visions for the American Republic

Instructor: Dr. Brian Blanchard
4 sessions: Thursdays Nov. 10, 17, Dec. 1, 8 (no class Nov. 24)
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Connections Program Room at the Tempe Public Library
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What is the proper relationship between the U.S. political system and its economic system? Alexander Hamilton envisioned a “commercial republic” with an industrial economy and a strong central government to support industrial development. Jefferson favored an “agrarian republic” with an agricultural economy and a decentralized government. This course will examine the debate between Hamilton and Jefferson and consider how politics and economics are inextricably linked. We will consider the outlook of both thinkers in detail and consider the ways in which their disagreement still impacts our current understanding of American politics and economics.

Instructor: Brian Blanchard, PhD., is an instructor of political science at Glendale Community College. He received his doctoral degree in political science from ASU where he studied the history of political thought. He has taught courses on world politics, American government, and courses on the history of political philosophy from ancient Greece to modern America.

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